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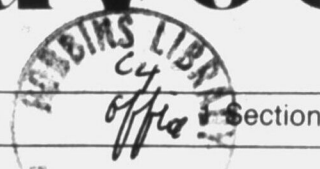
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## In September Full-day kindergarten to be tested

By CAROL BEGGY  
Advocate Assistant Editor

A pilot extended-day kindergarten program will be implemented in the Arlington Public Schools this fall.

At a meeting on Tuesday, the School Committee cleared the final hurdles for the trial program to begin in three schools in September 1988. The program will include 60 children from the entire school system, chosen for the program through a lottery system, after an application process.

"I think it's time we move this program forward," said School Committee Chairman William O'Brien.

"We have felt a need for a full-day kindergarten program for a while. One that, if successful, could be implemented for the entire system," said O'Brien.

The program is the work of the elementary sub-committee with help from several teachers, staff members and parents. The plans for the program have been discussed for several years, but were only pushed forward last fall.

An extended day program, supporters urge, would give teachers more time to work on the current curriculum. The longer day will allow students not to feel rushed and have more time to work on projects, learn

social skills and play.

The program is not meant to push students harder academically at an earlier age.

Under the pilot program approximately 20 students will attend an extended kindergarten at three schools — Dallin, Peirce and Thompson, said Joanne Gurry, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

The number of students chosen from each school for the program will be determined by the number of kindergarten students enrolled by May 15 for the fall of 1988. A formula will be worked out so that each school is represented equally, Gurry said.

As of Dec. 1, 1987, there were 289 students in the kindergarten programs system-wide.

School Committee member Katharine Fennelly expressed concern over how the students would be selected for the pilot program sites.

"I object to the parents being told where their children will go to school. I think they should have a choice," said Fennelly.

Gurry said the plan calls for students to be assigned to schools in their areas and each of the pilot schools was linked to other schools.

Students from the Hardy School

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## Town mourns loss of Dot Stein

The flags next to town hall and Arlington High School were lowered to half-staff on Tuesday in honor of Dorothea Martha (Wormser) Stein, 57, co-owner of Ivers & Stein Realty and active in town affairs. Mrs. Stein died Jan. 18 at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, after a brief illness.

Born in Frankfurt, West Germany, she immigrated to the United States in 1938 and was raised and educated in Oak Park, Ill.

She graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College in Northampton in 1952 and completed a special management training program conducted jointly by Radcliffe College and Harvard Business School in 1953.

Mrs. Stein was a resident of Arlington for many years and was active in the civic and business community. In 1977, she founded Ivers & Stein

Realtors Inc. with Louise Ruma-Ivers.

She was a member of the board of directors of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, serving as president of the Multiple Listing Service in 1987 and as chairwoman of the Finance Committee in 1986.

She was a member of numerous MLS committees, was the 1988 vice president of Greater Boston Real Estate Board representing MLS, and a state director of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

She was also an active participant in real estate legislative committees and was a member of the New England group of Certified Residential Brokers.

From 1971 to 1977, Mrs. Stein served on the Arlington School Committee and was a member of Town Meeting for several terms.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the School Committee had a moment of

silence in honor of Mrs. Stein.

During her six years on School Committee, she was active in working on the modernization project for Arlington High School.

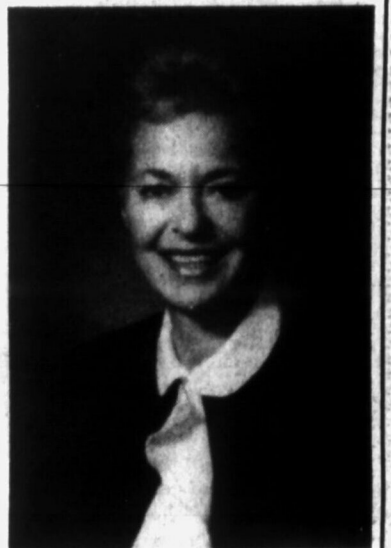
"Dot was always positive. Anything that she touched worked," said Selectmen Charles Lyons, who served on the School Committee with Mrs. Stein.

"She was an incredible person and contributed greatly to the town. Dot was a spirited person exemplified the best a person could be," said Lyons.

Mrs. Stein was a president of the local Smith Club, a member of the board of directors of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Arlington Garden Club and the League of Women Voters.

She also served on the town's 350th Anniversary Committee and the Library Capital Fund Committee.

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Dorothea "Dot" Stein

## Court ruling has little impact here

By CAROL BEGGY  
Advocate Assistant Editor

The recent decision by the Supreme Court that expanded the powers of public school administrations and upheld the right to censor high school newspapers is not expected to have any effect on Arlington.

"I don't think it will make any difference in Arlington," said Stephen Diott, principal of the high school. "We have had very responsible high school journalists working on our paper and we haven't had problems arise."

In a 5-3 decision last week, the Supreme Court said a high school principal in Missouri had not violated

students' rights of free speech when he removed articles on teen-age pregnancy from the student newspaper.

The court said the students had no right to publish the articles because the newspaper was owned and controlled by the school.

Outside the school or in a paper not published by the school, the students had the same rights under the First Amendment as others enjoy, according to the high court.

The decision is expected to have little impact on Arlington High School, Diott said, because the students currently work within guidelines and have always used "good sense and good taste."

The newspaper is not, however, without criticism of the school ad-

ministration on certain issues. "There has been some criticism of the administration," said Diott. "I think that's to be expected. But the students here have always acted responsibly."

The most recent issue of The Fourth Estate contains stories about recent events, profiles of prominent students and teachers, a literary section, news and sports.

Although the paper came out in November, the Editor-in-Chief Michael Jefferson wrote a signed editorial about the then-pending Supreme Court case.

"With such freedoms also come responsibilities and thus editors of student newspapers should be able to make judgments as to what is a permissible article," Jefferson wrote.

He continued: "It is my belief that since not all editors maybe be able to handle such a responsibility, that a faculty adviser to the newspaper should have the final say in what can be printed in an article."

In concluding the editorial, Jefferson said, "I would like to make it clear that in Arlington High School, the principal Mr. Diott, does not screen any materials which are published in The Fourth Estate."

"Instead, he reads the newspaper after it is published and relays any comments, suggestions or hesitations he may have about any subject," said Jefferson.

It is this relationship, Diott said, that will allow the high school's Please see COURT, page 14

## TM tackling money items

The Special Town Meeting will open at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25 in the town hall auditorium.

On the warrant for action in the town's legislative session includes articles on insurance and pay increases.

About \$277,000 is being sought by the Town Manager to cover a shortfall in the town's group health insurance budget caused by unexpectedly large medical expenses of individuals covered under the plan.

The manager also inserted an article in the warrant seeking to indemnify all town officials against legal expenses in the defense of lawsuits that are the result of official duties.

The Town Meeting members will also vote on the acceptance of the police officers contract for fiscal years 1986 to 1989 and a similar proposal for firefighters.

Merit raises for so-called Schedule-

M employees and the town full-time elected officials will also be discussed.

Also included in the warrant are articles seeking to increase the fines if a person or business owner does not remove snow from their sidewalks and to fund the sewer replacement of a town-owned culvert near Thesda and Summer streets.

The town and residents of Thesda Street have been at odds for more than a year over who is responsible for the damage caused by an apparently collapsed drainage pipe on the old town dump.

The warrant article, submitted at the request of 100 registered voters, seeks to have the town pay for the repair. The project cost had been estimated at \$1 million and town officials have said the project is the responsibility of the land owner.

## Thesda Street trench project wins approval

By CAROL BEGGY  
Advocate Assistant Editor

With warmer weather and rains this week, permission to deepen a flooding relief trench near Thesda Street couldn't have come at a better time for Richard Bowler, director of public works.

"It won't take us long now," Bowler said Tuesday. "The equipment is in place and we should probably have the work done in a day. With more rain predicted, hopefully we'll be in time."

Bowler and the town sought permission from the Conservation Commission, which oversees all projects within 100 feet of a wetland, to dig the trench three feet deeper in some areas.

The relief trench was dug along 800 feet of the old town dump on Summer Street after some residents on Thesda Street experienced severe flooding around Christmas 1986 when a drainage line apparently collapsed.

Bowler was requesting permission to deepen about 250 feet of the trench so the area would drain by gravity rather than have to rely on a pump that has been operating during high water since the initial flooding occurred.

Permission was granted for

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Arlington Police Officer Michael Sheehan escaped with only minor injuries when his cruiser went out of control and struck a tree as he pursued a suspect into Woburn on Lexington Street.

Joe Brown photo

## Officer escapes serious injury

A 28-year-old Arlington Police officer walked away without serious injury after he apparently lost control of his cruiser in Woburn while pursuing another car.

On Saturday, Officer Michael Sheehan was taken to Symmes Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and held for observation

for two days.

Sheehan stopped a car on Park Avenue at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday night for a motor vehicle violation, said John Carroll, director of police services.

While Sheehan was running a computer check on the operator's registration and license, the unidentified

operator drove off toward Lexington.

Sheehan followed the car through Lexington along Woburn Street into Woburn before apparently losing control of the cruiser, Carroll said.

The cruiser crashed into a telephone pole and a tree in front of 353 Lexington St., Woburn, said Carroll. The vehicle, cruiser No. 357 was exten-

sively damaged.

The other vehicle was found by Woburn Police a short distance away, police are still looking for the driver, Carroll said.

Carroll said the investigation is continuing and police will be seeking complaints against the driver.

## Buckingham Palace honors local man



Capt. Robert A. Groom

Arlington may be thousands of miles from Buckingham Palace, but one local resident is being honored by the Queen for his service to the British community in Boston.

Capt. Robert A. Groom of Hartford Road in Arlington has been chosen as a recipient of the Medal of Officer, Order of the British Empire.

The announcement was made at a reception hosted by the acting consul-general, William R. Matthews, at the official residence of the British Consul-General in Boston.

"I was surprised and very highly honored by the announcement," said Groom.

The award will be presented in March by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at investiture ceremonies at Buckingham Palace.

Groom, a 28-year resident of Arlington, will be making the trip with his wife and their two children. This will be the first time the Grooms have met the Queen, although Groom met Prince Charles during a visit to Boston.

"It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the Queen," he said.

Groom was one of three New-Englanders chosen on the Queen's New Year's Honours List, which lists awards for service to England and the

Royal Family.

Groom was chosen for the award in recognition of his many years of service to the British community in the Greater Boston area.

He is president of the British Charitable Society, founded in Boston in 1818, which supports many British subjects who run into financial or other difficulties in the area and was a past president of the British Officers Club of New England.

Groom is a former Royal Navy officer who commanded several Royal Navy ships in the North and South Atlantic Theatres during World War II.



## NEWS NOTES

## Voter registration

Special voter registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's Office prior to the deadline on Feb. 9 to register for the coming presidential primary.

In addition to the usual daily

## TOWN OF ARLINGTON

NOTICE  
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS  
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
MARCH 8, 1988

Notice is hereby given that the Registrars of Voters will be in session for the purpose of registering residents who possess the necessary qualifications and wish to become voters of the Town of Arlington.

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From 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Monday, January 25

Thursday, January 28

Monday, February 1

also on

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tion at any of the foregoing times and

places.

No name can be added to the

voting list (except to correct omis-

sions made by clerical error) after

ten o'clock on Tuesday, February 9,

1988 at which time registration closes

for the Presidential Primary to be

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registration sessions held during regular business hours - Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - the special sessions will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, Thursday, Jan. 28 and Monday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock in the evening.

There will also be an all-day session on Saturday, Feb. 6 only, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (This is a change in time from former special Saturday sessions as a result of recent legislation).

On the final voter registration date, Feb. 9, there will be a continuous session from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. at which time registration of voters closes for the presidential primary. It is also the last date and time to make political party enrollment, name and address changes to be effective for that primary.

It is not required that you be previously enrolled in a political party to vote in a primary. However, when you vote in a primary you become

enrolled in the political party whose ballot you choose. This can be cancelled or changed by written request filed with the Registrars of Voters.

If you are presently enrolled in a political party, you may not take the ballot of another political party in the upcoming Presidential Primary unless you cancel or change your enrollment on or before Feb. 9.

A citizen of the United States who is an Arlington resident may register to vote if he or she will be 18 years old by the date of the presidential primary on March 8. There is no waiting period for eligibility.

Registration sessions for future elections will continue to be held daily at the Town Clerk's Office after the Feb. 9 deadline for the presidential primary.

Provisions for registration of students daily at Arlington High School have also been made. For further information, students should contact the Main Office.

## Kicking off the fund-drive



Margaret H. Spengler, left, campaign chairman, and Maryellen Remmert, Robbins Library director, show a drawing of the library addition to Janet M. Pavliska, right, president of Bank Five for Savings. The bank has invited guests to a reception with special guest M. L. Carr to kick off the campaign to raise \$400,000 in private donations for the addition and restoration of the main library building.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Library earns  
RIF grant

The Reading Is Fundamental Program (RIF) is conducted by the Children's Services Department of Robbins Library. It has been awarded one of 14 Boston Globe Foundation grants to local RIF projects for outstanding service in motivating youngsters to read. The grant will be used to purchase additional paperbacks for free distribution to Arl-

ington children during a February vacation week program, "The Best Valentine Ever...A Library Card."

The RIF program at Robbins inspires children ages 3 to 12 (sixth grade) to read through planned reading-related activities and by making it possible to choose and own books that interest them, without cost to them or their families. In the seven years since the RIF program was established at the Library, it has enabled youngsters to become the proud owners of some 18,829 paperback books.

"The Boston Globe Foundation grant will help us continue to provide a variety of books to awaken and nourish children's interest in reading," Osee Mallio project coordinator said. "RIF's unique approach makes children want to read, and the more they read, the more their skills improve."

Founded in 1966, Reading Is Fundamental is a national nonprofit organization that helps children discover the joy and importance of reading through a nationwide network of 3,100 local projects such as the one at Robbins Library.

children ages three and up in the Robbins Junior Library on Saturday, January 30, at 10:30 a.m. Hanley's repertoire of singable songs has pleased children throughout the Boston area and in Arlington at local schools and daycare centers.

Librarian shows  
Nepal slides

The monthly meeting of the "Foxy-Folks" group will be held at the Fox Branch Library on Monday, Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m.

These meetings are open to all, are free, and are an opportunity for a social get-together as well as being able to enjoy a variety of programs.

This month, Joan Caterino, librarian at the Fox Branch Library will show slides and tell of her experiences during a camping and trekking trip to Nepal last fall.

Light refreshments will be served.

Fox Branch shows  
'Hunchback'

The movie 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' will be shown at the Fox Branch Library this Friday, January 22 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

This version of the Victor Hugo classic stars Charles Laughton as the deaf, deformed bellringer of Notre Dame Cathedral. Co-stars are Basil Rathbone and Maureen O'Hara. Free.

Weaving samples  
at library

The Robbins Library recently received a monograph of 19th century weaving patterns entitled "Nineteenth Century Overshot Coverlets: a Collection of Patterns." Researched and created by Patricia Palsom of Hull, Massachusetts, this unique work contains technical information for weavers as well as eight samples for lay persons interested in historic New England textiles.

Each sample was woven to show two complete pattern repeats to help visualize the overall pattern. This project was supported in part by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery and administered by the Arlington Arts Council.

The Robbins Library has a copy of the monograph in the Art and Music Room. A duplicate copy, with the weaving samples, is available in the Local History Collection.

Hugh Hanley  
in concert

Jan. 30

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# Sweet Adelines going for worldwide title in Houston

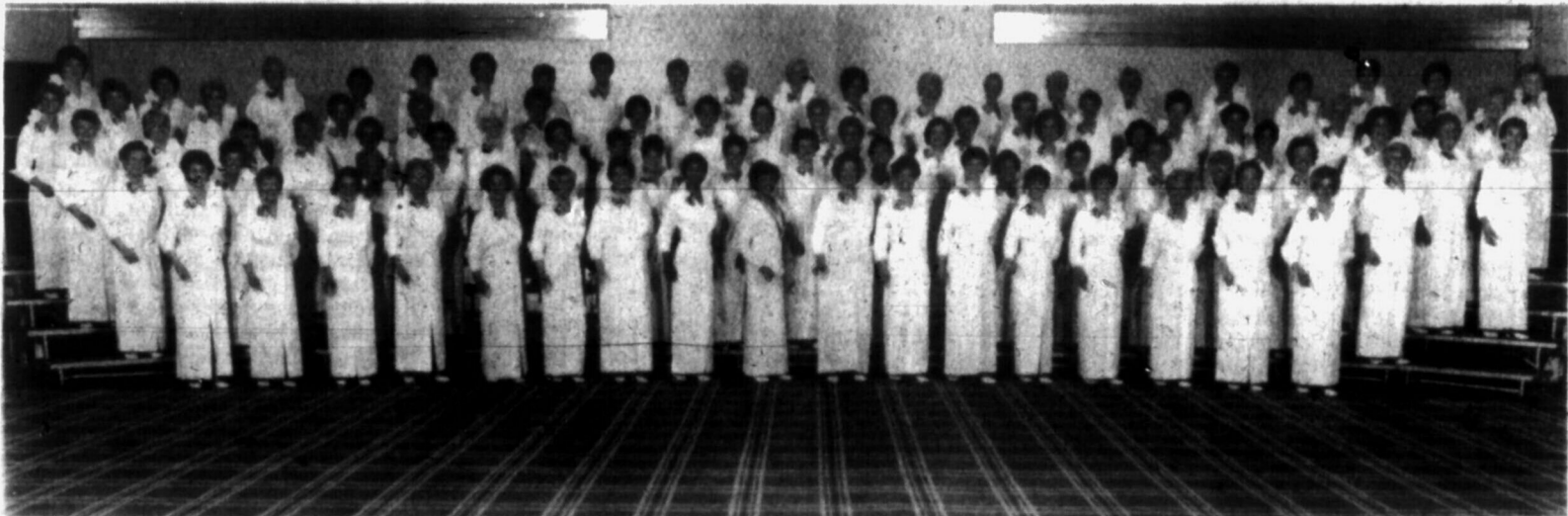
By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER  
Special to the Advocate

When the Arlington chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. rehearses Monday evenings at Pleasant Street Congregational Church, the resulting sound can be described as a "harmonic happening." Devotees of four-part barbershop harmony, the Liberty Belles perform a wide range of songs, and do so, it appears, with style. Winners of the regional championship last April, the chorus is preparing for their next challenge: International Competition in Houston, Texas, from Oct. 13-16. During a recent interview, Chapter President Trisha Hilsinger and Arlington resident Eva Everett talked about the organization and the local chapter.

According to Everett, barbershop singing involves unaccompanied, four-part harmony - lead (alto), tenor, bass and baritone. She said, "While no one is absolutely certain that barbershop quartet singing actually originated in barber shops, we do know that music was an important part of a barber's shop in Europe from the 16th to the early 18th century. Customers who were waiting for a shave or haircut usually could find an instrument, such as the pear-shaped cittern, to strum on. Eventually, the barbers also learned to play."

"Eventually, this music came to the United States, along with other Old World customs. Before radio and television were invented, barber shops were places for men to tell stories and swap jokes. Impromptu singing was a part of these activities. Barbershop harmony, which is a native American art form of vocal music, developed rapidly from 1860 to 1920, when songs full of sentimental thought and nostalgia could be harmonized with four-part chords."

The first chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. was founded by a group of women in Tulsa, Okla., in 1945. Two years later, they invited interested women from across the country to participate in a quartet contest and set up an international organization. Today, there are more than 31,000 Sweet Adelines throughout the world, with chapters in the United States, Canada, Holland, Sweden, Australia,



Members of Liberty Belle Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., keep the American art of barbershop harmony alive. The group will go to Houston

New Zealand, England and Japan.

According to Hilsinger, the Arlington chapter was chartered in 1960 as the Middlesex Chorus. She said, "In 1968, they became the Liberty Belles, to suggest Arlington's historic heritage."

Currently, the chapter has 106 members from surrounding towns as well as Peabody, Marblehead, Acton and Danvers. Said Everett, "We have quite a cross-section of women here - housewives and professionals. While any woman between the ages of 21 and 70 may join, many members are in their 30s. We seem to be attracting more younger women now."

Everett, who sings lead (alto), joined the Liberty Belles in 1978. "It was just what the doctor ordered" she said. "Even though I was a housewife, mother, and professional nurse, I needed an activity that was just for me. I always enjoyed music, so when I saw an ad for new members in the Arlington Advocate, I asked a friend to come with me. Just one evening as an observer convinced me to join. I was sold."

This year will mark the chapter's second appearance at the International Competition since 1983. Everett credits this to their music director, Barbara Braxton. She said, "She has made us strong musically, emotionally, and physically. I don't think we would be where we are today without

her. Barbara has made us realize that every member, every voice, is important to the chorus's overall success."

Right now, the group is actively raising funds to attend the international competition in Houston. They earned that right by winning their regional championships (Region 1) last April in Springfield. Twenty-seven choruses from Massachusetts, Maine, part of New York State, eastern Canada and part of Quebec province competed.

Scheduled for Oct. 13-16, the competition will bring together approximately 9,000 Sweet Adelines, including 34 winning choruses from around the world. Said Hilsinger, "Even though only one chorus from each region may compete in Houston, individual members enjoy coming. They want to see a championship performance."

The most difficult part of being a regional champion is earning the funds to go to the international festivities. Said Everett, "We need \$70,000 to ensure everyone an opportunity to go to Houston." Their main source for funds is an annual show, scheduled this year for April 10 at Wakefield Junior High School.

The format for competitive singing is very strict. Each chorus has six minutes to perform two songs, usually one fast and one slow. According to Everett, each chorus is critiqued by

eight judges for showmanship, choreography, hair, makeup, and voice production (singing ability). She said, "We are judged as a unit. Everything must blend - hair, makeup, costumes. All movements must be as military as possible. If a member were to drop something during the performance and pick it up, the group would lose points."

Everett encourages any interested woman to come by the church for a few weeks and listen to the music. She said, "The only musical requirements we have are an ability to sing on key and a willingness to sing in a voice that will blend with the rest of the chorus. Knowing how to read music is not necessary. The musical director and her assistants make it possible for us to learn the songs." Even though there are dues and fees to join the organization, the pleasure and enjoyment of membership far outweigh the cost, according to Everett.

However, Everett believes that a certain amount of dedication is required to be an effective member. Weekly rehearsals begin Monday evenings at 7:45 p.m. with 30 to 45 minutes of physical and vocal warm-ups. At that point, Braxton will teach the group a new song or review songs from the current repertory. Added Everett, "Unless you have a good reason, you are expected to rehearse every week."

On the whole, Everett has found that "nothing keeps a Sweet Adeline from being on stage. When one of our members had to be in a wheelchair, we put her on the side so she could still participate."

Besides appearing in competitions and the annual show, the Liberty

Belles perform for patients in nursing homes and hospitals, and members of charitable organizations. Said Everett, "We usually sing for charities and patients for free. When we perform for Town Day or a local organization, there's usually a donation involved. Formal functions require a fee and our program chairman handles those arrangements."

Members also go on regional weekend meetings twice a year. "During the day, there are educational programs," said Everett. "In the evening, the hostess chapter features other choruses and quartets in the region. The rest of the time, we get together and relax. However, no one is ever far from music. Our members are more than talented singers, many play musical instruments. The weekends are a good forum for highlighting our other talents."

Everett concluded, "One of the joys of being in the Sweet Adelines is the support that you receive on and off the stage. If you're ever in need, you never have to ask for help - it's there automatically. If you enjoy music and don't mind a little hard work, come and help us to harmonize the world."

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## Fundraising telethon to aid Spy Pond Field

Bob Lavery, President of Spy Pond Playground Improvement and Preservation Association Inc. (SPPIPA), in conjunction with Arlington Cablesystems announces plans to hold its First Annual Spy Pond Telethon on Sunday, April 24, from 3 to 9 p.m. the telethon is being sponsored by Bank Five and Concord Cooperative Bank.

SPPIPA, a private non-profit corporation, was established in 1987 in response to a town plan to raze half of the Spy Pond Field grandstand and the entire visible part of the locker-room building. Spy Pond Field, unlike other town landmarks, has received virtually no maintenance since the early 1960s. What was once considered to be flagship among eastern Massachusetts sporting facilities has fallen into serious disrepair. The members of the Spy Pond Corporation believe that there is something worth preserving at Spy Pond Field and the adjoining recreation areas. The corporation has established a number of fund-raising activities and work volunteer projects designed to restore this historical location to its former condition.

An organizational committee has been formed to plan the telethon with John Billafer as its Chairman. Coordinators have been named to oversee

a number of the activities. Entertainment coordinator is Ken Toomey; publicity coordinator is Mike Toomey; volunteer coordinator is Liz Billafer; program coordinators are Mike Leone and Barbara Dempsey; and special gifts coordinators are Bob Lavery and Patrick Lavery.

The committee is seeking entertainment participants as well as telephone and work volunteers. Those individuals or groups that would like to provide entertainment as a donation to the telethon will be contacted by Ken Toomey to arrange an audition. There will be two categories of telephone workers needed: 1) those who answer the telephone and receive pledges at the telethon site, and 2) those who seek pledges by making telephone calls either at home or at a location designated for such purpose.

The committee is calling upon Arlingtonians of all ages who share the feeling that Spy Pond Field should be restored as a first-class recreational facility to come forward and help with this community project by donating a small amount of time on April 24.

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SCHOOL NEWS



ask the educator

By KARIN LUKAS and WENDY MIMRAN  
Special to the Advocate

Question: Who should a parent contact in order to be a volunteer in the school system and what particular areas are in need of help?

Ruth Mahon, Director of School Volunteers: If serving as a school volunteer represents an area of interest to you, you may receive information regarding this unique partnership between school and community by contacting Ruth Mahon, Director of Volunteer Services at 646-1000, ext. 3124.

Particular areas that are always in need of assistance are the ESL (English as a Second Language) program helping students to overcome their language barriers and the Special Needs Program working with a very special group of children who need one on one tutoring.

If a parent would like to volunteer, an interview process would enable the person and Director to address the needs of the volunteer and the needs of the School System. Ultimately, it is the wide range of assignments available in our school system, coupled with the diversity of talents and interest offered by the volunteers, that make our dual goal of servicing both the school system and the volunteers not only practical, but successful.

"Ask the Educator" is a forum for Arlington parents and residents to find answers to their local school concerns. If you have any questions about your schools or the people who run them, telephone or send your question in writing to the "Ask the Educator," The Arlington Advocate, 5 Water St., Arlington, MA 02174.

Parents invited to review social studies courses

Interested parents are invited to participate in the review of the Social Studies curriculum, grades K-6 in Arlington Public Schools. Beginning on Feb. 2, the Elementary Social Studies Curriculum Development Committee, composed of teachers, principals and parents, will meet about eight times every other week until June under the direction of John Kent in order to review and revise the K-6 social studies program. Parent representation on the committee is a vital part of the review process.

Curriculum review and revision are on-going parts of curriculum development in the public schools. Parents interested in serving on the committee should call John Kent at 646-1000, ext. 3159.

Ottoson holds Candy Cane day

Candy Cane Day at the Ottoson was a great success. We raised over \$300. It really showed that Ottoson students were in the spirit of giving, which makes us all happy.

Ottoson's first dance also was a

great success. All children seemed to enjoy this activity, meaning that there will be others to follow. Raffles were a big hit also. Thank you to Ken Wescott, the disc jockey at the dance.

Stratton teacher takes leave

Janice Satlak, kindergarten teacher at Stratton Elementary School for the past 17 years is greeted by over 100 parents last Thursday evening at a Stratton PTO Party. She is taking a leave of absence to complete a double master's at Boston College in counseling and child development.

Ms. Satlak, a former Arlington resident, has taught over 500 young people and stated that she "felt totally supported by the Stratton Community which is why I've been here this long." Principal Bernard Walsh said that "Arlington Public Schools are indeed fortunate to have Janice who is an outstanding educator and a credit to her profession." Ms. Satlak has been a long time supporter of full day kindergarten in Arlington.

Bartlett School lists honor roll

Honor Roll for the second term at Bartlett School included:

Grade Three: Honors: Caitlin Clark, Janelle Gilchrist, Jeremy Goldstein, Nidhi Handa, Nicole In-serra, Justin Serpone, Joanna Bateman, Adrienne D'Ippolito, Tom O'Keefe, James Paskob, Andrew Timofeev, Anthony Martignetti, Ernest Sabine. Honor Mention: Tim Brennan, Michael Curry, Danielle Jackson.

Grade Four Honors: Philip Can-

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Grade Five: High Honors: Heather Houston, Sharon Raskob, Honors: Aaron Bateman, Danny Commins, Caitlin Filtzer, Eric Holmes, Alexander Kaloostian, Trevor Kassner, David Mahoney, Allegra Petti, Honor Mention: Tom Morrison, Christopher Tashjian.

Grade Six Honors: Tanya Athanasiadis, Joseph Bartolucci, John Brennan, Felix Cheng, Michael

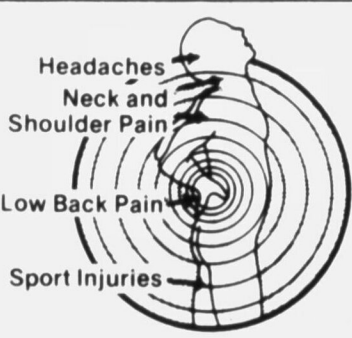
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Grade Seven: High Honors: Jean Swithenbank, Honors: Stark Peterson, Cristina Serpa, Honor Mention: Jeffrey Goldstein, Kenny Weiner.

Grade Eight Honors: Michael Bono.

Arlington residents include: Ernest & Andrew Sabine of Harlow St., Robert Hassinger of Spring St., Danny Commins of Mountain Ave., Allegra Petti of Gray St., Susan & Jean Swithenbank of Old Mystic St., Joseph Walsh of Reservoir Rd., Robbie Wright of Nourse St., Tanya Athanasiadis of Moulton Rd., Cristina Serpa of Mystic St.

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FOR KEEPS (PG-13)  
★ 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:35-9:45  
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MOONSTRUCK (PG)  
★ 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:25-9:45  
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BROADCAST NEWS (R)  
★ 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:10  
DOLBY FRI-SAT 12:30 AM NO PASSES

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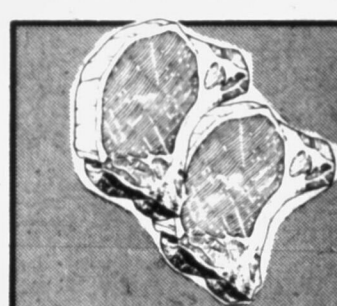
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HEALTH

Multimedia first aid course opens

The Community Health Education Department at Symmes Hospital is planning an eight-hour Multimedia Standard First Aid course in February. Evening classes will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 9, 23 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The multimedia standard first aid course includes: mouth-to-mouth breathing, choke-saving techniques, control of severe bleeding, first aid for broken bones, the proper treatment for poisonings and burns, the signs and symptoms of heart attack and the transportation of the injured victims.

The course consists of film presentations, review of workbook materials pertaining to first aid techniques, demonstrations of proper first aid procedures, and practice by student in these skills.

The multimedia system provides a uniformly high quality of instruction by American Red Cross certified instructors. Successful completion of the course entitles the student to an American Red Cross certificate indicating certification in Multimedia Standard First Aid. Certification is valid for three years.

Individuals who are required to be certified in first aid, or others who wish to become better equipped to confront emergency situation, are encouraged to pre-register for the course by calling the Community Health Education Department of Symmes Hospital at 646-1500, ext. 2291.

Symmes classes could help avoid an aching back

Back pain affects many people. Choate-Symmes is sponsoring a course whose aim is to help in-

dividuals avoid it. Taught by a registered physical therapist from Choate-Symmes Rehabilitation Services Department, "Save Your Back" will be held on Monday, January 25, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Symmes Hospital Auditorium.

Causes of back pain and ways to prevent it will be covered.

Registration is required. For further information, call 646-1500, Ext. 1026.

Flynn to head Symmes surgery

Dr. William Flynn, Jr., a surgeon at Choate-Symmes Health Services in Arlington, has been named chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Symmes Hospital division. He was also named chairman of the vascular surgery service.

Dr. Flynn competed his undergraduate training at Boston College in 1964. He graduated from Yale University Medical School in 1968 and completed his internship and residency in surgery at Boston City and New England Deaconess Hospital Harvard surgical service in 1974. He completed a fellowship in vascular surgery in 1978 at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dr. Flynn is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is the clinical instructor in surgery at Harvard Medical School.

"It is a challenge, in the 1980s, to keep up-to-date, and I am excited about that challenge," Dr. Flynn said of his appointment. "Symmes is a first-rate community hospital, delivering all the finest services. We're proud of the state of the art capability of our service staff in areas such as blood-vessel reconstruction (vascular surgery), orthopedics, hand surgery and urology. We also are particularly proud of the dedication and sophistication of our department of Internal Medicine, especially in the critical high-tech areas of car-



Dr. William F. Flynn Jr.

diology and pulmonary medicine."

Dr. Flynn is a member of the American College of Surgeons, New England Society of Vascular Surgery, Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society, American Medical Association and the Boston Surgical Society.

He is the son of Mrs. William Flynn and the late Dr. William F. Flynn, a surgeon from Milton. Dr. Flynn lives in Lincoln with his wife, Therese, and their daughters, Therese and Kelly.

Sancta Maria has available space for EMT training

Sancta Maria Hospital in Cambridge is offering a basic level Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program beginning Monday, Feb. 8, 1988.

The 18-week course will meet at the hospital on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost of the program is \$325 and in-

cludes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee, textbook and CPR certification.

Space is still available in the program. To receive an application and for further information, call Sancta Maria's Public Affairs department at 868-2200, ext. 2195. Class size is limited. Applications will be considered on a first come basis.

Choate Hospital offers weight control program

A medically and nutritionally sound weight-control program, teaching people the practical way to weight loss through a sensible eating plan and by changing habits will again be offered at the Choate Hospital in Woburn.

Participants will learn how to lose weight and improve nutritional habits and choices throughout the 12-week

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weight group, "Learning to Lose," an educational nutrition program.

This popular program which is for those who need to lose 30 pounds or less and have no medical complications will begin with an orientation session on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from either 6:30-8 or 8-9:30 p.m. and will continue for 13 weeks. The course is limited to 12 participants per group. Registration must be completed by January 22.

Marie Whelen, MS, RD, nutritionist and program leader explained, "We can help people to lose weight through changing eating behaviors, such as slowing down eating and eliminating food temptations. It's better to be patient and lose weight slowly and safely, about a pound or two a week, and know that it can be a permanent weight loss; rather than losing five pounds in a week, only to regain it soon after." This year a computerized dietary assessment will be

completed for each participant to assess nutrition and vitamin/mineral intake.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and registration call 646-1500, ext. 2291.

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Grand Knight Paul L. Lucia of Arlington Council recently announced that the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus is launching its membership drive in honor of the new Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily.

Grand Knight Lucia continued, "From his early years in the priesthood in Boston and later the Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, to his missionary work in Peru, to his service as Bishop of Palm Beach, Florida, Bishop Daily has tirelessly shared his giving spirit with the Church and his fellow man."

Bishop Daily succeeded Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria, La., who died at age 92 on Jan. 20, 1987, after serving as supreme chaplain for 26 years. Bishop Daily is the second member of the episcopacy to become spiritual leader of the international Catholic family fraternal society comprised of 1.5 million members.

A native of Belmont,

Massachusetts, Bishop Daily graduated from Belmont High School and finished his theological studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton. On January 10, 1952, he was ordained a priest of the archdiocese of Boston at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing. In 1960, Bishop Daily joined the Missionary Society of Saint James the Apostle and served in Peru for five years before returning to Boston for a pastoral assignment. It was during that time that the bishop developed and nurtured a deep love and commitment for the poor in South America.

Later in his career, through the inspiration provided by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, he would co-found an organization by the name of "Por Cristo," along with his good friend and brother knight, Dr. Martin J. Dunn of Milton, to help the poor in Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru with medical assistance, equipment, and

training of medical personnel.

State Deputy Walter L. Almond launched the membership drive at the recently conducted mid-year meeting of the 50 district deputies this past weekend at the Tara Dunfey-Hyannis Hotel on Cape Cod.

Other speakers on the program were former mayor of Boston John F. Collins who spoke on the "Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights" and Mr. Westy A. Egmont of the Boston Food Bank on "Operation Care and Share."

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## ABOUT TOWN

### Make elections more than political shooins

The vote by three selectmen last week to bypass the electorate on a liquor question, probably the first time that's happened since liquor votes began in Arlington in the 1870s, makes this a good time to remind residents that they have until Feb. 25 to take out papers for the town election.

It's not the vote that people mind so much — most probably don't object to carry-in wine at a small restaurant — it's the principle and the arrogance of elected (and in this case, one appointed) — officials.

If you think that's arrogant, have you tried in the past year to read the selectmen's minutes, which are supposed to be on file under the state's open meeting law? They haven't even had any. Apparently a majority of the board did not support the chairman in her efforts to get the executive secretary to produce them.

But back to politics. Arlington has a history of local politics, you scratch my back and I scratch yours; politics make strange bedfellows.

Only in Arlington, it's more than bedfellows — there's almost incest. It helps to be a townie or lifelong resident to have the dope on who's married to whom, who's related some other way, who's working for whom and who owes whom — especially in politics.

Those with long memories recall the 1970s elections with dirty tricks and put-up candidates who could barely spell. Arlington, much less have any interest in conducting its business. It's more subtle these days — it's the network behind the candidate that makes the elections tricky.

There have always been officials who wanted to have "their" people on the major boards. This is a cycle and every few years the group that is trying to run things gets obnoxious enough so that residents shake off their apathy, get good candidates to run, work hard to get them elected and watch them struggle as the minority vote until change is wrought. Then in a few years it starts all over again.

Well, folks, this is a good year for some fresh faces and new blood and there are some town offices going begging for candidates.

Signed up so far for the selectmen's two seats are incumbent Janemarie Hillier; Arthur Speros, perennial candidate who got his best tally in his last try; Jack Donahue, with a lot of political connections, who lost the last time he was on the ballot in the 70s when Peg Spengler and George Rugg were voted in on

stickers by an outraged electorate.

Then there's Bill Carey, longtime School Committeeman who wouldn't step off that committee the last time he ran for selectman. And Frank Hurd, who until recently was the governor's appointee on the Housing Authority and owed his appointment under the King Administration to Jack Cusack.

Cusack, perennial Housing Authority member, who used that position to his advantage when he ran for state rep, has taken out papers again. He will be hard to beat, but someone should try, just for the sake of the electoral process.

The Assessors department has been topsy turvy all year. Bob Greeley left the board and got the paid staff job. Kevin Feeley, who was a selectman 20 years ago, was named to the board to fill Greeley's spot, and has taken out papers.

Feeley and Donahue, through their appointments, gain the advantage of incumbency, but government by popular election is preferable to that by political appointment. Vacancy-filling appointments shouldn't make anyone a shoo-in, especially considering who makes the appointments.

The School Committee's three incumbents whose terms are up this year have taken out papers, but word is that Mike Peters will not run again. He should come out and say it now so that other people might be encouraged to take out papers.

If Carey is going to resign in order to run for selectman, he could do that now, too, so that a fourth seat would be open.

The other two incumbents are Janice Baley and longtime members Bill O'Brien, who both have excellent records. Two new faces have filed for School Committee. Dave McKenna, well known and well liked police safety officer and former juvenile officer, and an unknown named Larry Clinton.

Not only are there plenty of opportunities for good candidates to run for major office, but Town Meeting is crying for candidates. In this town, you can get elected to some Town Meeting precincts with a handful of write-in votes. That's a shame.

Town Meeting doesn't have the latitude it once did on spending issues, but there are plenty of other issues facing the town that people should have some say in.

Most of all, residents should care who is put in office for the next three years and who is "running" the town.

## Images from our past



Fire gutted an old house that was typical of earlier Arlington architecture.

(Courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

## Guest column policy

The Advocate welcomes guest columns from those who live or work in Arlington or have an interest in an issue that affects the town or townspeople.

The more diversity of opinion the better. The paper reserves the right to edit the columns for taste, brevity and libelous statements.

Columns should be typed, double-spaced, and sent to: The Editor, Arlington Advocate, Arlington, MA 02174 at least a week before the publication date. A telephone number where the author can be reached should be included. Got an idea? Write it down.

Letters to The Editor are welcome on matters of interest to local readers. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. on Monday. Letters should be typed and limited to 250 words. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters will not be published.

## BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

**The Senate.** "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local senators' votes on six roll calls from the final two days of the 1987 legislative session on January 5 and 6.

**Auto Insurance (S 2174).** Senate 23-8, refused to table the newly drafted Senate version of a bill designed to reform auto insurance in the state.

Tabling supporters said no one has had time to read the 25 page bill and urged it be considered in the 1988 session.

Tabling opponents said there is an auto insurance crisis in the state which the Senate should tackle now. A Yea vote is against tabling. Senator Richard Kraus voted no.

**South Africa (H 1894).** Senate 19-18, approved an amendment to a bill prohibiting state agencies from contracting for goods and services with companies doing business with South Africa, except when there is no other available source or when there is no comparable low bid by a firm not doing business with South Africa. The amendment allows a state agency to

contract with a person doing business in this state and affiliated with a business in another state that is doing business with South Africa.

Amendment supporters said this protects Massachusetts firms.

A Yea vote is for amendment. A Nay vote is against it. Kraus voted no.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Proud of growing up in project

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to tell the people who think that people or children who live, or lived in the Menotomy Manor, commonly known as the Arlington Housing Project, lack something in their lives, or who frown upon them, are wrong.

I lived in the Menotomy Manor since I was a baby until I got married. I grew up fine and have a lot of love. Maybe I didn't have everything I wanted but was taught a lot about life and how to care and appreciate things a lot better when I received them.

People there are always willing to help in a crisis and always there to lend a hand. It is like one big family sharing in each others' joy or sorrow or whatever it be.

There are rough times but like anything else in life, you have to overcome them.

So when people say: "Oh, you grew up in the 'Projects,'" I say yes and am very proud of it.

Life is what you make of it, not where you came from. I am someone who is happy with my life.

Marilyn Malone Roche  
Lawrence, Mass.

courts and contrary to law. Now they think a little bit and are sure before they take actions. Vote NO on Article 3 Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Vote NO on Article 4.

Arthur T. Speros

### Thompson School appreciates clean sidewalks

TO THE EDITOR:

The Thompson School Community would like to extend their gratitude to the following people and departments for their help in keeping the sidewalks clear thus preserving the safety of our children to and from school: Dave McKenna, Arlington's School Officer, Arlington Public Works and Steve Conroy. We also would like to thank Anderson's Automotive and Johnson's Realty for their help in allowing the children safe access to the School. Thanks again.

Thompson School  
Safety Committee

### Ninth-grader urges residents to clean walks

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter not only on the behalf of myself, but also for the welfare of all the young children who have to walk to school every day. I am a ninth grader at Arlington High School and find it very hard to walk to school in the winter when people do not shovel in front of their houses. When I was told that it was a law and people were supposed to shovel, I felt that I had to write this letter. I think that if people refuse to take notice of this law, then the town should find some way of enforcing it so young kids do not have to walk in the street. Please take this into consideration for the sake of the children.

Tracy Antonelli

### Town Manager's point of view taken to task

TO THE EDITOR:

Since it is a well known fact that the Stop and Shop has repeatedly requested, and been granted, a tax abatement each year, the taxpayers who pay their taxes as rendered and who vehemently opposed the Stop and Shop offer will not accept the Town Manager's latest assertion (ARLINGTON ADVOCATE, Jan. 7) that his promotion of the Stop and Shop expansion was motivated by the increase in revenue for the Town. It is hard to reconcile the Manager's concern for the financial plight of the Town and the fact that at his insistence the Town spent \$40,000 in consulting fees which should have been picked up by the Stop and Shop, since

they were the petitioners.

Thanks to a responsible School Committee, the proposal was withdrawn, to the dismay of the Town Manager. Fortunately, the members of the School Committee have not lost sight of the fact that they were voted into office and not appointed by the Town Manager. One can only applaud their stand on the issue, which resulted in the withdrawal of the petition — a fact which is still being lamented by Mr. Marquis.

On the other hand the Selectmen, who are likewise elected and not appointed, seem to feel that they must concur with the Manager's wishes, whether it is as trivial a matter as the silencing of the Siren (and many residents object to that attempt) or as important a matter as sacrificing precious school land.

Name withheld by request

### PTO thanks all for successful Holiday Fair

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Thompson PTO, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, grandparents and all of the local merchants who contributed so generously to our Children's Holiday Fair. It was a great success and the children had the opportunity to purchase lovely gifts for the holidays.

The following businesses contributed to our Fair: Arlington Hair Salon for Men; Decatur Market; Driscoll's Card Shop; The Flower Cart; Graziella's Unisex Salon; Hudson's Department Store; Nikos Elite; Olympic Pizza House; Play Time; Quebrada Baking Company; Tiki In; Steve's Videodrome, and ZT Maximos.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

Erna Kelly  
Chairperson, Holiday Fair  
Thompson School

### Citizens remember Spy Pond fields with generosity

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again the Spy Pond Playground Improvement and Preservation Association, Inc. (SPPPIA) is pleased to report additional contributions to our project efforts.

The first is a generous cash donation from John Cullinane, a former Arlington resident and now a well-known industrialist and founder of the Cullin Corporation. Athletic activity at the Arlington Boys Club and on Spy Pond Field were an extremely significant part of Cullinane's youth. His generosity reflects his view of the importance of this playground and its recreational potential for the youth of Arlington. Thank you for remembering, John!

Another important contribution is

forthcoming from Wanamaker Hardware, Inc. Brothers John and Mark Wanamaker who operate this Arlington Heights business landmark, spent a good deal of their time as youngsters playing baseball on Spy Pond Field and recalled that this was the premier field among all the surrounding communities. Both expressed how appalled and disappointed they were after recently viewing the decaying conditions at the field.

They recognized that citizen involvement is necessary at this juncture to prevent the complete downward spiral of deterioration that has taken hold. In backing up their views John and Mark have agreed to furnish the necessary general hardware for the refurbishing of the clubhouse which is to be available to both boys and girls teams.

Thanks, and a tip of the proverbial cap to these spirited community-conscious men.

John Bilafer

### Students thank holiday food contributors

The students of Ottoson Junior High would like to take this opportunity to thank those merchants who contributed to our Holiday Food Drive collection.

Our gratitude to: Ivers & Stein Realty, Collins Realty, The Chocolate Box, Charlie's Pizza, Arlington Pop Warner, Papa Gino's, Hoffman's News Agency, Sweeney & O'Connell Realty, Tanorama, Ripples Hair Salon, Holovak & Coughlin, Keenan Cusack Realty, Bicycle Corner, Arlington Motor Mart, Mirak Chevrolet, Scanlon & Bowes Realty, Hogdon Noyes, Cross Stitch Unlimited, ATR Video, Johnnies Foodmaster and Stop & Shop.

A special Thank You to Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Fozzati and Mrs. Earley for organizing this worthwhile venture.

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### Contra aid should be approved

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to Judith Paradis' letter last week against Contra aid — I don't think she has to worry about how the three left wing liberals, Kennedy one and Kennedy two — plus Kerry, will vote. They always vote against our president anyway.

What she has to worry about is how the majority in the House and Senate will vote. And I say they will vote for Contra aid. And that's how it should be unless people like Ms. Paradis would like a second Cuba off our shores.

President Bush will also push for Contra aid in 1989.

Sincerely  
Jay Renville

## DATE BOOK

### Thursday, Jan. 21:

Conservation Commission, 8 p.m., planning department, town hall annex.  
Historic District Commission 8:30 p.m., hearing room, second floor, town hall.

### Monday, Jan. 25:

Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., selectmen's board room, second floor, town hall.

### Tuesday, Jan. 26:

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., sixth level, board room, Arlington High School.

### Wednesday, Jan. 27:

Capital Planning Committee, 8 a.m., basement conference room, Arlington High School.

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